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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Paul D Strain

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Period for Reply

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been:
1. ☐ received.
2. ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number) ____.
3. ☐ received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____.
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-16 are pending in the Application.

Drawings

2. The PTO Draftsperson has objected to Applicant's drawings under 37 CFR 1.84(g) and 1.84(i) as noted on the attached "Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review", Form PTO 948.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:

In line 8 of claim 1, the word "in" appears to be a typographical error. The Examiner suggests that Applicant delete the word and substitute --is-- therefor. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

6. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wen *et al* (US Patent 5,553,395), hereinafter "Wen" in view of Tenhover *et al* (US Patent 4,851,296), hereinafter "Tenhover".

Tenhover discloses a method of chemical vapor deposition of tungsten hexacarbonyl on substrates such as glass, steel, etc (col. 6, line 37; col. 5, lines 10-20; col. 4, lines 50-55). The Examiner notes that glass and steel typically comprise silicon. Tenhover lacks a teaching to employ the specific bubbler and liquids of Wen.

Wen discloses a bubbler for CVD processes (col. 1, lines 5-30). Solid particles are placed in the bubbler and gas is allowed to flow through the particles (Fig. 3 and Fig. 4) A heat bath is employed as part of the bubbler apparatus to maintain the solids at a constant temperature (col. 5, lines 50 *et seq*; col. 3, line 1-col. 4, line 15). The Examiner notes that Applicant's claim requires "adding a liquid to...said apparatus". The Examiner takes Official Notice that oils having a high heat capacity, such as silicone oil, are typically employed in heating baths. If Applicant disagrees Applicant should so state for the record in response to this Office Action.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the method of Tenhover by employing the specific coating compositions and substrates of Wen, because the bubblers of Wen do not form channels through the solid precursor and therefore provide a more consistent gaseous concentration of the precursor solid (col. 1, lines 5-30).

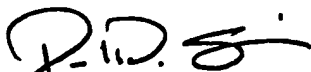
Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul D Strain whose telephone number is (703)305-0606. The examiner can normally be reached on First Fridays Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shrive P Beck can be reached on (703)308-2333. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)305-3599 for regular communications and (703)305-3599 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0661.



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